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1. The firm Rhein-Ruhr Stahl GmbH in Düsseldorf, a branch of the firm with the same name in the Russian Zone, has recently completed a deal to buy 560 tons of steel for the TRO (Transformatorenwerk Oberschöneweide), engaged in construction of turbines, and 240 tons of steel for Ruedersdorf (sic). The steel will be delivered entirely outside any present trade agreements, and shipments will be made to a cover address in West-Berlin. In order to avoid any complications in West Berlin, the East Zone authorities have arranged to secretly re-route the cars involved directly to their East Zone destinations from Marienborn. These arrangements were made between Kreikemeyer of the RBD and the Ministry of the Interior. The change in route has the additional effect of avoiding payment in Westmark for freight charges which is required of West Zone firms.
2. On 12 May 1950, four cars loaded with steel pipe left Düsseldorf destined for Rhein-Ruhr Stahl in Berlin/Grunewald, via the shipping firm of Wendschlag & Pohl to the Lehrter station in Berlin. It is planned to avoid any inspection of these cars by western authorities and ship to the TRO in Niederschoeneweide. The following cars have been reported:

a. Stuttgart 70738	28 pipes	19000 kg
b. Ulm 9098	28 "	19680 kg
c. Stuttgart 66218	23 "	16080 kg
d. Stuttgart 68009	36 "	20910 kg

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